

Adelaide Circuit
Redevelopment Project

What we heard and next steps

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The proposed \$96 million redeveloped circuit will host the Red Bull Grand Prix of Australia, the first MotoGP race on a city street circuit, and the bp Adelaide Grand Final Supercars event from November 2027. It will also host the return of the Tour Down Under from 2028.

Utilising elements of the historic Adelaide Grand Prix circuit, the design has focussed on delivering a world-class racing circuit, minimising significant tree impacts and creating more opportunities for people to be active, connect and enjoy the Adelaide Park Lands.

In August 2026, we shared the proposed project design and invited the community to have their say during a three-week engagement period. We asked for feedback on the proposed circuit design, community space enhancements, and areas proposed for new tree and vegetation planting across the Adelaide Park Lands.

We heard from a broad range of people and organisations, including local residents, Park Lands users, sporting and recreation groups, businesses, environmental organisations, educational institutions, event organisers, local councils, Traditional Owner representatives and people from across South Australia.

The feedback received has been considered by the Adelaide Circuit Redevelopment project team to help inform the ongoing design and planning process.

This summary provides an overview of what we heard, with a particular focus on the three areas we sought feedback on: the proposed circuit design, community space enhancements, and proposed tree and vegetation planting within the Adelaide Park Lands. It also outlines next steps for the Adelaide Circuit Redevelopment Project.

Engagement overview

How we shared information and invited feedback

-  **a project website**
with videos, artist impressions, maps and fact sheets
-  **an online survey**
with hard copies available by request
-  **meetings with businesses**
operating in the Park Lands, event operators, tenants, sporting and recreation groups using the Park Lands
-  **a letterbox drop**
to over 8,000 nearby residents and businesses
-  **dedicated phone and email contacts**
-  **social media posts**

How we received feedback

-  **6,070**
survey responses
-  **1,001**
written responses
-  **32**
meetings
-  **26**
phone calls

Who we heard from

- Most respondents were aged 45 years and over.
- Most respondents use the Park Lands for recreation, live nearby or work in the area.
- Responses came from across metropolitan Adelaide and regional South Australia, with the strongest participation from people located closest to the project area.
- Respondents most valued the Park Lands most for their natural environment, biodiversity and habitat.
- People living closer to the project area were most strongly represented, with feedback also received from across metropolitan Adelaide and regional South Australia.
- Respondents tended to use the Adelaide Park Lands regularly, with only a small proportion rarely or never visiting.

How is this feedback being used?

Alongside technical, environmental, operational, safety, cultural heritage, legislative and project delivery requirements, feedback and insights have been shared with the project team and are being used to inform the detailed design process.

We will continue to work closely with the City of Adelaide, Park Lands users, sporting clubs, event operators and the dedicated Kaurna Working Group to ensure a wide range of perspectives help shape the project design.



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What we heard



Community spaces and benefits

Feedback on the design of community spaces and amenities reinforced the importance of minimising impacts on the Park Lands.

Community spaces

People welcomed that the project was considering opportunities to deliver community benefits beyond the circuit, including spaces that could be enjoyed for most of the year. Nature-based spaces and places to relax and connect with others were particularly popular, while views were more mixed on spaces for organised activities and recreation. Popular ideas included nature play, greener and shadier spaces, public amenities and flexible spaces for community use.

For the demountable pit building hardstand area, popular recreation ideas included basketball, pickleball, gym equipment, tennis and skating or rollerblading, with a preference for courts and spaces that could support multiple uses.

There was a strong preference for maintaining open green space and retaining the character of the Eastern Park Lands. People favoured low-impact, low-footprint improvements that complement how the Park Lands are already used, such as drinking fountains, dog walking facilities, seating and bike repair stations. There was less support for additional hardstand, concrete, paving and the replacement of natural surfaces within the Park Lands.

People also wanted community spaces to be flexible, multi-use and accessible to people of all ages and abilities. Feedback highlighted opportunities for public art and for Kaurna cultural heritage to be reflected through art and storytelling.

Recreation and sporting facilities

People told us they value the sport and recreation activities already occurring in the eastern Park Lands, including the cycling criterium track, parkrun and organised community sport. They would like to see these activities retained and improved. Feedback highlighted the importance of supporting the many people who use the area for both organised and informal recreation.

Sporting and community groups also highlighted growing participation and the need for facilities to support year-round use. Suggestions included toilets, change facilities and storage, as well as improvements to lighting, drainage, fencing and training spaces.

Active travel and connectivity

There was support for safer, better-connected walking and cycling routes that make active travel easier and encourage more people to walk or ride. This included improved east- west connectivity and safer and easier crossings across Wakefield Road, Bartels Road and Fullarton Road. They also wanted existing walking, cycling and public transport connections to remain accessible as much as possible, with disruption minimised. Cycling groups also highlighted the importance of clear wayfinding and signage.

Treatment of gravel run-off areas outside of motorsport events

People generally preferred natural, green and low-impact options that fit with the character of the Park Lands. They wanted hard surfaces kept to a minimum and valued retaining grassed areas and the natural feel of the space. Some also questioned how practical it would be to convert gravel areas back to grass after each event and then introduce more substantial features, such as playgrounds, on those areas. Some people also saw opportunities to bring more activity to the area through outdoor events, arts and cinema.



Circuit design

Feedback reinforced the critical importance of protecting significant and native trees, biodiversity and the character of the Park Lands, while minimising additional hardstand and impacts on traffic and nearby properties. Some people also raised concerns about the proposed removal of olive trees.

Some people welcomed the longer, modern circuit layout and its potential to deliver good racing, while retaining connections to Adelaide’s motorsport history and its street-circuit character. There was also support for using existing roads and infrastructure and for the return of familiar sections including Stag Corner, Brewery Bend, Rundle Road and Brabham Straight.

Ideas for improvement included adjusting the layout and racing configuration, making more use of existing infrastructure and creating permanent facilities for year-round use.



Tree and vegetation planting plans

- There was strong support for all planned planting focus areas:
- Planting new trees at advanced sizes
 - Creating a more diverse mix of trees, shrubs and understorey vegetation to support urban biodiversity
 - Planting a wide variety of native tree species, with a focus on trees that will grow into large, shade-providing canopies
 - Targeting locations that will deliver the greatest benefit in reducing urban heat and improving amenity

Protecting existing trees, habitat and the natural character of the Park Lands was reinforced as important.



Local considerations

People wanted walking, cycling, roads and public transport connections to remain open and accessible as much as possible during construction and events, particularly for those travelling into the city from the eastern suburbs.

Some people also raised concerns about event-related noise, particularly given the circuit’s proximity to nearby homes, as well as other disruptions for local residents during events.



Feedback outside the scope of engagement

Much of the feedback received was about the decision to proceed with the MotoGP event, or its Park Lands location. Whilst outside this scope of this consultation process, this information has been shared with Government. Those opposed to the project were particularly concerned about tree removal, other environmental concerns, changes to the character of the Park Lands and costs.

Other concerns raised included construction impacts (to residential properties and businesses) including traffic, access and noise. People also wanted further information about construction, the event, environmental impacts and the expected economic return to South Australia.

Next steps

Based on the feedback received, alongside further planning and design work:

Circuit design

The circuit design will remain as previously released. Minimising impacts to significant trees was already a key consideration in developing the design. The current layout minimises significant tree impacts as far as possible while also meeting the technical and safety requirements for the circuit, including FIM requirements.

Grassed run-off areas

As previously committed, the run-off areas will be returned to grass outside motorsport events. In response to public feedback, the grassed run off areas will remain as open green spaces, reflecting community feedback about maintaining the natural and open character of the Park Lands.

Hardstand area

Outside of motorsport events, the new hardstand area for the demountable pit building will provide a mix of community sporting opportunities, including pickleball, basketball and tennis.

As detailed design progresses, we will continue to develop plans for tree and vegetation planting, community spaces and amenities, working closely with the City of Adelaide and other key stakeholders.

Construction will start in December 2026. Ahead of this, some site establishment and preliminary activities will be undertaken to prepare the site for construction.

We will continue to engage with the community and key stakeholders throughout construction to keep people informed and help minimise impacts. Works will take place in stages, with only the areas required for construction used at any one time.

Changes to access within the Eastern Park Lands will be required as works progress. We will keep areas of the Park Lands open and accessible wherever it is safe to do so, while minimising disruption and providing advance notice of access changes.



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